

SRI P. F. RODRIGUES.— It will be looked into.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.— Is this not intentional neglect of the Marathi students, on the part of the Government ?

SRI P. F. RODRIGUES.—That statement is not quite correct.

MR. SPEAKER.— Question Nos. 211 will be taken up later as the Minister concerned is not here at present.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—All the concerned Ministers are absent at the time of question hour. You are repeatedly requesting the Hon'ble Ministers to be present. We are spending lot of money to get replies to the Questions.

MR. SPEAKER.—The matter has already been brought to the notice of the Government.

SRI P. A. PAWASE.—If it is not possible for a concerned Minister to be present, let him authorise somebody else to answer on his behalf.

Loss in Gonikoppal Co-operative Orange Growers and Processing Society, Coorg

339. **SRI M. C. NANAIAH (Madikeri).**—Will the Minister of State for Co-operation be pleased to state:—

(a) the total accumulated loss in the working of the Gonikoppal Co-operative Orange Growers and Processing Society, Gonikoppal, Coorg and the reasons for it ;

(b) the reason for not taking the similar action by the Government as it did in the case of loss in the Kushalnagar Fruit and Processing Co-operative Society Limited, Kushalanagar ;

(c) the action the Government propose to take to avoid further erosion of share capital and other assets of the society and against those who are responsible for the sordid affairs of the society ?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs [On behalf of SRI V. M. KUSNOOR (Minister of State for Co-operation)].—

(a) Accumulated loss as on 30th June 1977 is Rs. 54,86,798-85. The reason for the loss is due to negligence on the part of management and improper planning by the Board of Directors.

(b) Notices under section 30 has been issued to the Directors of the Coorg Orange Growers Co-operative Society.

(c) Action under Section 30 of the K.C.S. Act is being taken. Action against the management will be considered on merits. Proposals regarding rehabilitation are also under consideration.

SRI M. C. NANAJAH.—You have stated that the accumulated loss as on 30th June 1977 is to the extent of Rs. 54,86,798-85. Since how many years has the loss accumulated?

† SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—This is from 1972-73.

SRI M. C. NANAJAH.—When it is within the knowledge of the Government that this loss has been continued right from 1972 onwards, why the Government has not taken preventive action in the beginning itself to make good the loss?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—This is a sophisticated unit and as Hon'ble Member knows this has been established in an area where the fruit production is very much. I think the Hon'ble Member was also the President of the D.C.C. Bank and knows quite well of the history of this institution. The organisation of this Institution was thought of in the year 1962 and its production commenced some time in 1970 and it is learnt now that the functioning of this whole unit will not be profitable one.

SRI M. C. NANAJAH.—In the answer it has been stated that the reason for the loss is due to negligence on the part of the management.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—That is also one of the Reasons.

SRI M. C. NANAJAH.—But subsequently to (c), you have answer that action under Section 30 of the K.C.S. Act is being taken and action against the management will be considered on merits. Therefore the Government has already come to the conclusion that it is due to management. Then, why should they not take immediate action?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—The Government has already issued a Show-Cause Notice on 17th May, 1978. Nearly 25 charges have been framed on the management and very influential people are also managing this unit. Infact, they are at the helm of affairs probably, may be some of their forces might have come in the way of taking action immediately.

SRI M. C. NANAJAH.—Is there a proposal to hand over the factory unit to any outside agency?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—There was a proposal. The Government of India was asking us to hand over the unit to them but now the Government of India is reluctant in view of the heavy losses.